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JOHN C. BROWN.

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ciplined and too intensely bent upon getting

the State of Tennessee into its grasp, to

permit the running of more than one can-

didate from its ranks for any one office.

This party is going to work for victory. In

the Tennessee of the day, business men

are not to be found who quarrel with the

policy of the Convention. The Grant advo-

cates and supporters know that there can

be no success without organization, and

they have yet found no better method

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They had no Democratic opposition. One

of their candidates was necessarily elected,

and yet the party was ruinously defeated.

They elected the Governor, but the Demo-

cratic party was broken into fragments

and the Democratic party took possession

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black, rich and poor, by law and equity.

Encouraged by these successes, which grew

out of suppressed overwhelming Democratic

majorities, the same Radical party from

whom we watched these lamentable boons

are again preparing to assume authority in

this State and fasten upon us a State Gov-

ernment which will be in hearty accord

with the Grant Federal administration.

Are the Democracy of Tennessee prepared

for the will of instruments of their own undoing?

Conventions have their evils.

They are too frequently abused. So too, in

this day, it is not unfrequently an elec-

tion by the people is the most free.

Voters will not come to the polls, or active

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tioning tricks and stratagems vote hundreds

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tion. The gathering hosts of Radicalism

warn you of your danger. Their leaders

met in council to day to plot your over-

throw and their aggression. Let the

Old Guard rally around the colors they

so often borne through victory and defeat.

Stand by the ancient usages of the party.

Let organization be your watchword,

and triumph again awaits you.

THE SPIRIT OF THE TREE.

Gen. W. W. Averell, the well known

General cavalry officer in Virginia during

the late war, retired to sign the call for

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